Price of Isoxuprine HCL

679. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently increased the price of Isoxuprine HCL;

(b) if so, what is the magnitude of increase;

(c) what was the earlier and revised price;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have ignored the findings of working group on technology on this issue; and

(e) what were the findings of the group and what are the basis and justification on which price has been increased by ignoring the findings of the group?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The prices of Isoxuprine Hcl. has been revised to Rs. 7422/- kg. from the existing price of Rs. 6401/- per kg. with effect from 1-11-1991.

(d) and (e) No Working Group on Technology was constituted on this issue. The price of this bulk drug has been revised on the basis of cost-cum-technical study Report of the BICP.

Status of BCP

680. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in Economic Times of 26th October, 1991 regarding the status of BICP;

(b) whether it is a fact that BICP is an autonomous body;

(c) if so, on what basis BICP can veto the decisions of Government;

(d) whether it is a fact that prices of formulations are not being worked out by BICP but by a committee;

(e) if so, who are the members of the committee;

(f) whether it is a fact that chairman of this committee refused to bring matters before the committee in regard to reduction of prices; and

(g) what has been his role in pricing of Ibuprofen, Metranidazole, Sulphamoxole, Incidal Sulbutamol. Cetramide and other drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) BICP is an attached office of the Department of Industrial Development, Ministry of Industry.

(c) and (f) The BICP had some difference of opinion as to the reduction in the prices of bulk drugs which was sorted out later.

(d) and (e) The pricing of the formulations is processed and recommendations made by the PRC Sub-Committee. The members of the committee are:

Members (F), BICP	—	Chairman.
Chief Adviser (Cost)	—	Member (Secy.) BICP.
Representatives of epartment of C&PC	—	Member
D.G.T.D.	—	Member
D.G.H.S.	—	Member